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***Jury Returns Death Sentence Against Murderer
of Postmaster Relief of Fleming, GA. Post Office***

SAVANNAH: Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that a federal court jury in Savannah, Georgia, returned a recommendation of the death penalty against **MEIER JASON BROWN** for the murder of Sallie Louise Gaglia, Postmaster Relief for the United States Post Office in Fleming, Georgia. Pursuant to the jury's recommendation, United States District Judge B. Avant Edenfield, imposed the sentence of death. On November 6, the jury returned three guilty verdicts – finding Brown guilty of murder on federal property, murder of a federal employee, and assault and robbery of federal property – Today the jury heard evidence and argument regarding the appropriate punishment for the two capital convictions of murder. The indictment had alleged in the first two counts that, during a robbery of the Post Office, Brown stabbed Ms. Gaglia to death while she was engaged in the performance of her official duties, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1111 and 1114. The indictment further alleged that Brown assaulted and robbed Ms. Gaglia of federal property by stealing three United States Postal Money Orders in the amounts of \$500, \$500, and \$175, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2114. The Court imposed death sentences for both the Counts One and Two convictions and 300 months of imprisonment for the Count Three conviction.

Mr. Thompson stated that the verdicts were the culmination of an investigation conducted by United States Postal Inspectors with Lead Agent Marla McLendon of the Savannah office, and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Thompson praised the work of prosecutors Assistant United States Attorneys William Frentzen and Joseph D. Newman who represented the government in the case.

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